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SUBJECT: US-FLAG VESSEL ARTHUR MIDDLETON

1. WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION'S REP IN D.C. BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION (EB/TRA/MA) ON MARCH 29 THE RECENT DECISION BY THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BANGLADESH JUTE MILLS CORPORATION (BJMC) TO QUOTE ARBITRARILY (WATERMAN'S TERM) UNQUOTE PLACE JUTE CARGOES DESIGNATED BY US IMPORTERS FOR SHIPMENT ON WATERMAN'S VESSEL ARTHUR MIDDLETON BE LOADED INSTEAD ON THE BANGLADESH SHIPPING CORPORATION'S VESSEL BANGLAAR PRAGOTI AND THAT WATERMAN SURRENDER ALL RELATIVE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS.

2. AS NOTED BY WATERMAN REP, JUTE PRODUCTS ARE NORMALLY PURCHASED BY US BUYERS ON AN F.O.B. BASIS UNDER COMMERCIAL TERMS. BUYERS DESIGNATE THE VESSEL OF SHIPMENT UNDER THESE TERMS. THE BJMC HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE BUYERS OF THE JUTE CARGO, ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARTHUR MIDDLETON, MAY ELECT NOT TO HONOR DOCUMENTS PRESENTED UNDER A LETTER OF CREDIT IF THE BJMC DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE BUYER INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WATERMAN'S CONCERN IS WHETHER THE ACTION REGARDING THE ARTHUR MIDDLETON SHIPMENT IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT RESULTING

FROM A COMMERCIAL PROBLEM OR IS A PRECURSOR TO FUTURE
PROCEDURES WHICH WATERMAN CLAIMS ARE DESTRUCTIVE OF
COMMERCIAL PRACTICES AND DISCRIMINATES AGAINST US-
FLAG CARRIERS.

4. WATERMAN NOTES THAT THEIR DACCA CONTACT, MR.
D.A. LEES, HAS ALREADY APPROACHED THE EMBASSY ON THIS
MATTER ON MARCH 27.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON WATERMAN'S CONCERN
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